

I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project



Spring 2010 Project Update

The Project

The I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project will add a 10-mile northbound carpool lane on the San Diego Freeway (I-405) from the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) to the Ventura Freeway (US 101). Completion of the \$1 billion project is projected for spring 2013. Ramps, bridges and sound walls also will be improved. Specific improvements include:

- > Removal and replacement of three bridges at Skirball Center, Sunset Bl and Mulholland Dr
- > Realignment of 27 on- and off-ramps
- > Widening of 13 existing overpasses and structures
- > Construction of approximately 18 miles of retaining walls and sound walls

Pre-Construction Activities

In mid-December 2009, the contractor installed and placed construction area signs along the 10-mile stretch of the I-405 Freeway. Signage also has been placed on adjacent streets as well as along the US 101 and the I-10 freeways.

Upcoming Activities

In addition to utility relocations, drivers and project neighbors will begin seeing the installation of concrete barriers along the eastern shoulder of the northbound lanes, restriping of freeway lanes and the clearing of land within the four traffic loops at the Wilshire/I-405 interchange. The concrete barriers will delineate temporary traffic lanes and isolate the work zone from freeway traffic. Weather permitting, phased replacement of the Sunset Bl overcrossing will begin in March 2010.

Community Advisory Committee

Community Relations continues to meet regularly with the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). At the most recent meeting, February 25, the CAC responded to the current landscaping plan for the project, learned of the guidelines shaping the plan and received an update of upcoming construction activity.

At the January 20, Open House meeting, the CAC met with project staff and the design-build contractor to offer feedback on aesthetic elements. These elements include retaining and sound walls as well as undercrossing and overcrossing bridges. The meeting drew 40 attendees. Currently, the design-build contractor is reviewing the CAC comments.

Initially formed as a mechanism to finalize design of the project's aesthetic elements, the CAC's role has evolved into representing community groups bordering the project. As liaisons, they will funnel queries from individuals in their area to the project team.

The CAC is composed of one representative from each home owner's association, Neighborhood Council and major institution adjacent to the I-405. Contact information for CAC members can be found at metro.net/405.